SHIMOGA FOREST DIVISION.

Notification dated the 2nd May 1940.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right of collecting and removing the cardamom from Agumbe and Balehalli State Forests of Agumbe Range during the two years 1940-41 and 1941-42, will be sold by public auction at 2 P.M. on the 28th May 1940 at Agumbe by the District Forest Officer, Shimoga, or any other Officer deputed by him for the purpose. The sale is subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer, Shimoga, or the Conservator of Forests, as the case may be.

1. No person is allowed to bid unless he deposits with the sale conducting officer an earnest money in cash or currency notes of Rs. 50 which in the case of all unsuccessful bidders will be duly returned after the close of the sale. Defaulters on account of previous leases will not be permitted to bid.

2. The highest bidder shall, immediately after the close of the sale, pay up one-fourth the sale amount together with the Local, Railway and Education cesses on the entire sale amount at Re. 0-1-0, Re. 0-0-6 and Re. 0-0-3 per rupee, respectively, inclusive of the initial deposit of Rs. 50.

3. The balance amount of sale shall be paid within a week from the date of receipt of confirmation order, failing which the bob will be resold at the risk of the original purchasers who will be liable to make good any loss that may occur which shall be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue under Section 79 of the Mysore Forest Act but they shall not participate in any profit that may result. Further, all the money paid till then shall be forfeited to Government.

4. The Contractor shall be required to execute an agreement on a duly stamped paper and shall further deposit in the Government Savings Bank an amount equal to one-fourth of the sale amount or Rs. 50 whichever is less, duly pledged to the District Forest Officer. Failure to do this will entail cancellation of the sale and result in further action being taken as per para 2 *supra*.

5. The Contractor or his agents and coolies shall be responsible to see that no damage is caused to the cardamom or any other plant in the Forest in the course of their collection.

6. The other conditions will generally be the same as those applicable in the case of Minor Forest Produce sales.

Notification dated 2nd May 1940.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right of collecting and removing the canes in the undermentioned State Forests of Shimoga Division during 1940-41, subject to the exercise of rights of villagers will be sold by the District Forest Officer, Shimoga, or any other officers deputed by him on the dates and at the places noted against each.

Sl. No.	Range	Name of forest	Place and date of sale	Officer conducting the sale
1	Agumbe Range	Agumbe Balehalli	Agumbe T. B., 28th June 1940 at 4 P.M.	District Forest Officer, Shimoga or other officer deputed by him.

N.B.—The collection period shall extend till the end of June 1940.

The successful bidder shall, immediately after the sale, pay one-fourth of the sale amount together with Local Cess at one anna per rupee, Railway Cess at three pies per rupee and Education Cess at six pies per rupee on the entire amount of sale; in default, the right will be resold at his risk. If the deficit amount be not paid, it will be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

Within 15 days of the intimation of the confirmation of the sale, the accepted bidder shall pay the balance of the lease amount in full and enter into an agreement on a duly stamped paper of proper value obtained at his own cost binding himself to the conditions specified hereunder.

The sale is subject to the confirmation by the District Forest Officer or the Conservator of Forests, as the case may be.

The lessee shall deposit a sum of Rs. 50 for the due fulfilment of the conditions of the contract in the shape of Government Savings Bank Deposit.

Conditions.

(1) Canes should be extracted without injuring the roots of the clump. Tender ones should on no account be extracted.

(2) At least three shoots in a clump should be left untouched.

(3) The lessee or his agents or servants shall not injure any tree or other forest produce while collecting canes.

(4) The lessee shall be held personally responsible for any damaging acts of his agents or servants during the collection of canes.

(5) The lessee shall not sublet the contract without permission from the District Forest Officer.

(6) Coolies employed by the lessee must take permits from the Range Officer when they enter forests for collection.

(7) The produce should be removed from the limits of the forests by the end of June 1940 under cover of passports issued by the Range Officer.

(8) The lessee shall be held personally responsible for the occurrence of fire in the forest if there is sufficient ground for the department to think that it has been caused by his negligence or by the acts of his employees.

(9) The lessee shall keep and render accounts every month to the District Forest Officer of the produce collected and removed by him during the month. His account will be liable for the inspection of the Conservator of Forests or the District Forest Officer or any other officer deputed by either of them.

In the event of the breach of any of the above conditions, the lease will be liable to be cancelled and the lessee fined to the extent of Rs. 5 at the discretion of the District Forest Officer, in addition to forfeiture of the security deposit amount.

Interest will be charged on all belated payments at 6¼ per cent per annum.

Notification dated 2nd May 1940.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right of collecting grazing fee on cattle passing Agumbe Toll-gate, Agumbe Range, during 1940-41 will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer, Shimoga, or any other Officer deputed by him at Agumbe Toll-gate at 3 P.M. on 28th June 1940, subject to the following conditions.

1. Each bidder should deposit Rs. 10 as earnest money with the sale conducting officer before he is permitted to bid and this deposit will, in the case of unsuccessful bidders, be returned to them at the conclusion of the sale.

2. The highest bidder should pay one-fourth of the sale purchase money at the close of the sale, less the initial deposit together with Local, Railway and Education cesses at one anna, three pies and six pies per rupee, respectively, on the entire sale amount; failing which the right will be resold forthwith at his risk forfeiting the amount already deposited.

3. The balance of the sale amount should be paid within ten days from the date of receipt of the intimation of the confirmation of the sale, failing which the right will be resold at the risk of the original purchaser, who shall not participate in any profit that may accrue. The deficit, if any, shall be recovered from him as a revenue demand.

4. The District Forest Officer reserves to himself the power to accept or reject the highest or any other bid without assigning any reason for the same.

5. The right-holder shall collect the grazing fees at the sanctioned rates, as noted below, for every head of cattle that passes at the Agumbe Toll-gate.

(*i*) Buffaloes : 1 anna per head.
(*ii*) Cows and Bullocks : 6 pies per head.
(*iii*) Horse : 1 anna per head.
(*iv*) Sheep : 3 pies per head.
(*v*) Asses : 1 anna per head.

N.B.—Calves six months and under are exempted from fee.

6. The right-holder should make his own arrangements to get these tickets of one anna, six pies and three pies face value printed as per sample form noted below, and stock sufficient supply of these tickets ready at both the stations. He should further make his own arrangements for any temporary sheds that may be required for the use of his men.

7. The right-holder shall, by himself or his Agent, not levy, under any circumstances, rates other than those stipulated already. Any irregularity or complaint coming to notice shall render him liable to criminal prosecution, besides forfeiting his contract forthwith.

8. It will be the bounden duty of all cattle owners who move their cattle through the above toll-gate and forests to obtain tickets before allowing their cattle to pass through, failing which they will be liable to criminal prosecution under the Forest Act or any other law in force.

9. The right-holder shall be bound to render satisfactory accounts to the Range Forest Officer, Agumbe, and to present his books and tickets for examination by any Government Officer whenever he is called upon to do so.

10. The right-holder shall execute a bond within 15 days from the date of intimation of the confirmation of the sale on a duly stamped paper to abide by the foregoing conditions, and deposit Rs. 50 in the Government Savings Bank as security.

11. The District Forest Officer reserves the right of forfeiting the security amount either in whole or in part for the breach of any of the foregoing conditions and his decision will be final.

Form of Ticket.

1940-41.	1940-41.
Buffalo. One anna.	Cow or Bullock Six pies.
Date ..... Station. *Contractor.*	Date ..... Station *Contractor.*
1940-41.	1940-41.
Horse or Ass One anna.	Sheep. Three pies.
Date ..... Station. *Contractor.*	Date ..... Station. *Contractor.*

Notification dated 2nd May 1940.

It is hereby notified for general information that the exclusive right of collecting the cinnamon leaves for distilling oil in all Government unoccupied lands, Amrut Mahal Kavals, State Forests, Reserved Lands and Plantations of the following taluks, during the years 1940-42, will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer or any other officer deputed by him for the purpose on the dates and at the places noted below:—

Name of Division	Name of Range or Taluk comprised	Place of sale	Date of sale
Shimoga	Tirthahalli Taluk ..	Tirthahalli T. B. ..	30th May 1940.

Note.—The auction will commence at 3 P.M.

Defaulters on account of previous leases will not be permitted to bid.

1. Each bidder, before he is permitted to bid, should furnish to the sale conducting officer a solvency certificate from the Amildar of the Taluk in the form prescribed by Government in regard to his solvency and its extent and deposit a sum of Rs. 50 as earnest money with the sale conducting officer; the deposit will be returned to him at the close of the sale if his bid is not accepted. The person whose bid is accepted shall, immediately after the close of the sale, pay 25 per cent of the bid amount including the deposit already paid together with the Local cess at one anna, Education cess at six pies and Railway cess at three pies per rupee on the entire sale amount, failing which the right will be resold at the risk of the defaulting bidder. He will be liable for the loss, if any, that may result by such resale which will be recoverable from him as arrears of Land Revenue, but he shall not participate in any gain.

2. Power is reserved to the District Forest Officer or such other officer conducting the sale as may be deputed by the former to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason therefor.

3. Within a week from the date of intimation of the confirmation of the sale, the person whose bid is accepted shall deposit a sum of Rs. 50 (fifty) or one-fourth the sale amount, whichever is less, for each range as security deposit towards the due fulfilment of the contract. This will be in the shape of Savings Bank Deposit pledged to the District Forest Officer. He shall also pay the remaining 75 per cent of the contract amount due by him in three equal instalments, one-third after the confirmation of the sale and the balance on 1st October 1940 and 1st April 1941 and shall execute an agreement on a stamped paper of proper value (procured at his cost) accepting the above terms and those specified below, failing which the amount already paid will be forfeited to Government and the right resold at his risk as noted in para (1) *supra*. The security deposit or the balance thereof as may remain over shall be repayable to the contractor on his producing proof, relieving him of any liability under the contract.

4. The following are the further conditions to which the contractor should bind himself:—

(*a*) That he shall not sublet the contract to any body except with the written sanction of the District Forest Officer.

(*b*) That he shall abide by the rules of the Department as regards the kindling of fires and shall hold himself responsible for any forest offence committed by his agents, employees or workmen.

(*c*) That no operations shall take place in the forest after sunset or before sunrise.

(*d*) That the removal of the leaves is done by the hand and not by bill-hooks.

(*e*) That not more than five stills are opened in each of the blocks comprised in the Range.

(*f*) That the site of the still first opened with the previous permission of the Range Officer is not changed to any other place during the working season.

(*g*) That no damage will be caused to the trees while collecting the leaves. Any such damage will be assessed by the Range Officer subject to the approval of the District Forest Officer. The District Forest Officer's decision in the assessment of damages will be final and the assessed damages will be recovered from the security deposit of the contractor.

(*h*) That the required quantity of fuel is cut and removed on prepaid licenses only from the plot selected and marked by the Range Officer.

(*i*) That for breach of any or all of the conditions of the contract by the contractor or his agents, employees or workmen, the contract shall be null and void at the option of the District Forest Officer and that the latter may, after issuing to the contractor a notice of cancellation of contract, enforce forfeiture of all or any part of the deposit and resell the right or work it departmentally at the risk of the contractor as in clause (1) *supra*. If the deposit or part thereof is so forfeited, it shall be immediately made good by the contractor.

5. Dalchini leaves may be plucked by hand; and if necessary branches up to 3″ girth may be cut, trees below 18″ girth at breast height should not be touched. The strip of bark removed from trees over 18″ girth should not exceed 3″ in width and between any two strips removed one strip not less than 3″ width should be left unremoved. Stills may be erected in convenient places approved by the District Forert Officer; but if they are outside Reserved Forests, contractors will have to make their own arrangements with owner of land. Dry, dead fuel will be allowed free for *bonafide* distillation of oil from leaves."

Note.—Interest at 6¼ per cent per annum will be levied on all arrears of amounts which are permitted to be paid after the due date.

Notification dated the 4th May 1940.

It is hereby notified for general information under section 40 of the Mysore Forest Act that the following timber unclaimed at the places noted below, have been siezed and given to the custody of the persons noted against them. Persons having any claim to the said timber are hereby required to present statements of their claims to the undersigned within a month from the date of the publication of this notice and establish their claims; failing which the timber will lapse to Government under Section 42 of the said Act.

Place	Kind of timber	No. of logs	Measurements			In whose custody is the timber kept
			Length	Girth	C.ft.	
In Government land of Benavalli Village, Hosanagar Taluk.	Teak	1	11—5	4—0	11	With the Range Officer, Ripponpet Range.

M. A. MUTHANNA,
District Forest Officer.

SAGAR FOREST DIVISION.

Abstract Notification dated 15*th April* 1940.

The attention of the public is invited to the detailed Notification, published on pages 915-916, Part VI of the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 25th April 1940, regarding the auction sale of Sagar, Shikaripur Depots to be held on 3rd and 10th May 1940, respectively.

Notification dated 3rd May 1940.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right of collection and removal of Honge seeds and leaves from all Government unoccupied lands, Amrut Mahal Kavals, State Forests and Reserved lands and plantations of the undermentioned Taluks of the Division from 1st July 1940 up to the end of June 1942, will be sold by public auction as noted below.

The sale will be subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer or the Conservator of Forests as the case may be.